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Jeff Ottesen, Director Division of Program Development Department of Transportation and Public Facilities 3132 Channel Drive Juneau, AK 99801-7989

Dear Mr. Ottesen,

As a Non-Metropolitan area, The City of Dillingham would like to thank the State for their efforts in developing a process for notification and consultation in regards to the Statewide Transportation Plan and State Transportation Improvement Program.

It is vital that rural communities maintain an open and reciprocal communication arrangement with the state. Although our community is not linked to the road system it is imperative for our region to have access to the best transportation possible in a rural area.

Again, thank you for your time and effort in respect to this important service to Non-Metropolitan areas of Alaska.

Sincerely,

John Fulton, City Manager